



# Ted Stevens

United States Senator for Alaska

## Please Note:

- Fill out one request form for each request
- This form (and any attachments) can be returned via:

Fax - (202) 224-2354

Mail - The Honorable Ted Stevens  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Nugen's Ranch Substance Abuse Treatment FacilityProject Location: Point MacKenzie, Mat-Su Borough, Alaska

## Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Funding is requested for the construction of a new residential alcohol/substance abuse treatment facility. Nugen's Ranch currently operates its programs out of a building that was constructed in the early 1940's. Due to the present condition and size of the building, the current layout and the program requirements, renovations of the existing building are not an economically viable solution. This facility is now in need of replacement to be in compliance with the existing building, electrical, mechanical, and sanitation codes, as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act and our program requirements. In addition, the rapid growth of the residential and commercial uses which surrounding the existing facility make it less desirable to construct a replacement facility at the present location on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway. We purchased 116 acres of farm land on Point MacKenzie and plan to construct the new facility there.

See additional pages attached.

## Related Appropriations Bill:

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$300,000Total funding to complete this project: \$4,931,000Number of years to fund this project: 1Matching funds from the State of Alaska: \$200,000

## Matching funds from local and private entities:

AARS/Nugen's Ranch will be contributing a minimum of \$100,000 cash towards this project. Additionally we are looking at leveraging the value of

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

H.R. 3043 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2008

Amount funded: \$146,000Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: \$0Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: \$☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

## List legislation that authorizes this project:

This project fits the SAMHSA objectives reauthorized by the Children's Health Act of 2000, Public Law 1-6-310

## Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

## NUGEN'S RANCH

February 1, 2008

The Honorable Ted Stevens  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Stevens:

Thank you for your help securing the \$146,000 appropriation for FY2008. We appreciate your continued interest in our project and all you have done the last three years to help us get this project started.

We have used this past year wisely and continue to make progress toward utilizing our new land and site. This past summer we received final approval from the State of Alaska for our clearing operation. In early August 2007, we completed the final clean-up on 69 acres of farm land and purchased seed and fertilizer in preparation for planting crops this summer. We met with the major funders in Alaska (Rasmuson Foundation, Denali Commission, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority) in mid-December and we are working with them to secure additional funds needed for this project. We are looking at ways to coordinate our addiction treatment program with potential needs of Alaska's new 1200+ bed prison that will be located near our farm on Point MacKenzie. We also see possibilities of coordinating work parties and product sales with the prison.

We have reviewed our original plans for the construction of the new residential substance abuse treatment facility and found that we can reduce the initial cost by not finishing the third floor of the building during the initial construction. This can be done later as a smaller project utilizing local grant sources. We have also taken a good look at the value of the land at our current site located on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway and are exploring ways that we can leverage the \$1.7 million dollar value of this land into this project.

The existing facility was built in the 1940's and has been renovated several times. It is in need of replacement to be in compliance with the existing building, electrical, mechanical, and sanitation codes, the American's with Disabilities Act and program requirements. Due to the present condition and size of the building, the current layout and the program requirements, renovation of the existing building is not an economically viable solution. Additionally the increase of residential and business development around the facility has changed the character of the area from rural/farming to business and residential making it less desirable to construct a replacement facility at the present location.

Our 116 acres of land at Point Mackenzie will allow us to expand the availability of our long-term residential treatment programs to serve more Alaskans from all regions of the state that have a chronic alcohol/substance abuse problems. This will include outpatient services and transitional living for graduates of the program. The Point Mackenzie location will also increase the capacity of farm production, which in turn will help with financial self-sufficiency of the program. We currently use the products raised at Nugen's Ranch to supplement our program costs.

We are emailing our 2009 appropriation request form and this cover letter as requested. We will also send a hard copy through your office in Wasilla containing some supporting information for this project. We are planning a coordinated funding effort for this project and will seek funds from several sources in addition to a cash contribution from our agency.

We have retained Tim and Mary Anderson (of Anderson Enterprises) to assist us with this project as they have extensive experience with coordinating funding and developing successful projects. They are planning a trip to Washington DC in April and the Andersons will make an appointment to discuss this project with you and your staff.

We appreciate your consideration and support for this much needed project.

Sincerely,

Executive Director